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Where does it end on #2?

We would almost think, from the number of letters written in opposition to Bruce Loeffler's position, that there was a writing campaign on. But it is obvious that is not the case, so let us just accept the fact that the majority of people who write letters to the Gazette Telegraph oppose diversity, tolerance and respect for the rights of others.

Let us just suppose Amendment 2 or its equivalent becomes law. Then there can be no laws passed to protect gays, lesbians and bisexuals from discrimination. "X" works for me, lives in my apartment or teaches at my kid's school. Through whatever means I choose to use, I find out that "X" is gay. I have no proof other than what I have been told. I do not want any gays working for me, living in my apartment, or having any influence over members of my family. I therefore fire him, tell him to move out, or I go to the school board to get him thrown out of the school.

Amendment 2, I believe, really does not require proof, does it? Well, anyhow, we have all these people who have been fired or thrown out of their homes. What do they do? Leave the state? Do we send them to a Gulag we've established or a mental hospital to convert them?

Do we also get rid of all the work that these people have done in music, art, science, medicine, engineering, sports, etc.? In Hitler's day, music by any Jewish composer was forbidden.

The question is where does it all end if you do not happen to agree with the positions on such social issues as abortion, homosexuality, a Christian United States, religion in schools, and so on. It does not matter if you are Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Hindu, Moslem, pagan, agnostic, or atheist. Where does it end?

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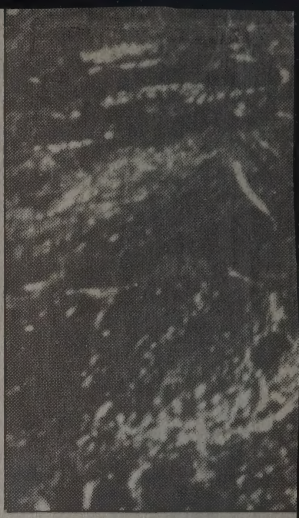
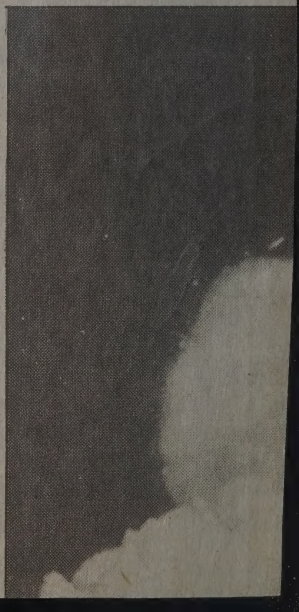
country in its corner and the goal was simple: beat the Soviets.

Nobody's head rolled when the early rockets blew up or when John Glenn failed 10 times to get off the ground before becoming the first American to orbit Earth or when NASA spent $26 billion to get 12 men onto the moon.

"NASA was a creature of the Cold War," said Don Fuqua, the former chairman of the House space committee and now president of the Aerospace Industries Association. "When the Berlin Wall came down, there no longer was this enemy out there that we had to compete with."

The bleachers where the cheerleaders once sat now are filled with critics.

One of them, a congressman, told his colleagues recently that NASA had led them around by the nose for years and "bamboozled" Congress. Even NASA acknowledges it underestimated costs and overpromised results.

That was just one of the many confidence-eroding circumstances.

The Challenger disaster, which killed seven astronauts on the 25th shuttle flight, was "an accident rooted in history," according to investigators who concluded the agency had gotten sloppy.